

Amendments to th Claims

The claims have been amended as follows. Underlines indicate insertions and ~~strikeouts~~ indicate deletions.

Claims 1-8 (Cancelled).

- B<sup>1</sup>*
- 1* ~~9.~~ (Currently amended) A low selectivity deposition method comprising:
- forming a first part of a nucleation layer on a first surface of a substrate;
- forming a second part of a nucleation layer on a second surface of the substrate;
- and
- forming a deposition layer comprising a chemisorbed first specie layer about one monolayer thick on the first and second parts of the nucleation layer substantially non-selectively on the first part of the nucleation layer compared to the second part, even though the first and second surfaces of the substrate exhibit a property of the deposition layer forming less readily on the first surface compared to the second surface.

- B<sup>2</sup>*
- 2* ~~10.~~ (Original) The deposition method of claim *9* wherein the forming the first and the second part of the nucleation layer occurs by chemical vapor deposition.

- B<sup>2</sup>*
- 3* 11. (Original) The deposition method of claim *9* wherein the forming the first and the second part of the nucleation layer occurs by atomic layer deposition.

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~~12~~. (Original) The deposition method of claim <sup>3</sup>~~11~~ wherein the atomic layer deposition comprises contacting the substrate with only one precursor specie at a time.

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~~13~~. (Original) The deposition method of claim <sup>1</sup>~~8~~ wherein the forming the first and the second part of the nucleation layer occurs simultaneously.

<sup>6</sup>  
~~14~~. (Original) The deposition method of claim <sup>1</sup>~~8~~ wherein the forming the first and the second part of the nucleation layer occurs simultaneously and the nucleation layer forms substantially non-selectively on the first surface of the substrate compared to the second surface.

<sup>7</sup>  
~~15~~. (Original) The deposition method of claim <sup>1</sup>~~8~~ wherein the forming the deposition layer is performed in situ of the forming the first and the second part of the nucleation layer.

<sup>8</sup>  
~~16~~. (Original) The deposition method of claim <sup>1</sup>~~8~~ wherein the second part of the nucleation layer comprises a plurality of components also comprised by the first part.

<sup>9</sup>  
~~17~~. (Original) The deposition method of claim <sup>1</sup>~~8~~ wherein the first and the second parts of the nucleation layer comprise silicon nitride, aluminum oxide, or tantalum oxide.

<sup>10</sup>  
~~18~~. (Original) The deposition method of claim ~~9~~<sup>1</sup> wherein the first and the second parts of the nucleation layer consist essentially of same components in approximately same proportions.

<sup>11</sup>  
~~19~~. (Original) The deposition method of claim ~~9~~<sup>1</sup> wherein a composition of the first part of the nucleation layer differs from a composition of the second part of the nucleation layer.

<sup>12</sup>  
~~20~~. (Original) The deposition method of claim ~~9~~<sup>1</sup> wherein the first and the second parts of the nucleation layer comprise silicon nitride and the first part further comprises oxygen.

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<sup>13</sup>  
~~21~~. (Original) The deposition method of claim ~~9~~<sup>1</sup> wherein a thickness of the nucleation layer comprises less than about 20 Angstroms.

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~~22~~. (Original) The deposition method of claim ~~21~~<sup>13</sup> wherein the thickness comprises less than about 6 Angstroms.

<sup>15</sup>  
~~23~~. (Original) The deposition method of claim ~~9~~<sup>1</sup> wherein a thickness of the first part of the nucleation layer is greater than 50% of a thickness of the second part.

<sup>16</sup>  
~~24~~. (Original) The deposition method of claim ~~23~~<sup>15</sup> wherein the thickness of the first part is greater than 80% of the thickness of the second part.

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<sup>11</sup>  
~~25~~. (Currently amended) The deposition method of claim ~~9~~<sup>1</sup> wherein the deposition layer ~~comprises a~~ chemisorbed first specie at least layer is one monolayer thick.

<sup>18</sup>  
~~26~~. (Currently amended) The deposition method of claim ~~25~~<sup>1</sup> wherein the first surface of the substrate exhibits a property of chemisorbing the first specie at a slower rate compared to the second surface.

<sup>19</sup>  
~~27~~. (Currently amended) The deposition method of claim ~~25~~<sup>1</sup> wherein the forming the deposition layer further ~~comprising~~ comprises forming a layer at least one monolayer thick of a chemisorbed second specie different from the first specie on the first specie layer.

<sup>20</sup>  
~~28~~. (Currently amended) The deposition method of claim ~~27~~<sup>19</sup> wherein the first and second specie layers ~~each~~ layer consists essentially of a monolayer.

<sup>21</sup>  
~~29~~. (Original) The deposition method of claim ~~27~~<sup>19</sup> wherein the first and second specie layers, in combination, comprise silicon and nitrogen.

<sup>22</sup>  
~~30~~. (Original) The deposition method of claim ~~27~~<sup>19</sup> wherein the nucleation layer comprises a material also comprised by the first and second specie layers combined.

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31. (Currently amended) A low selectivity deposition method comprising:  
simultaneously forming a first part of a nucleation layer on an insulative oxide  
material and a second part of the nucleation layer on a semiconductive material; and  
contacting the nucleation layer with an initiation precursor and forming an  
initiation layer ~~at least~~ about one monolayer thick on the first and second parts of the  
nucleation layer substantially non-selectively on the first part of the nucleation layer  
compared to the second part.

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32. (Currently amended) The deposition method of claim 23 wherein the  
initiation layer ~~consists essentially of a~~ is one monolayer thick.

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33. (Original) The deposition method of claim 23 wherein the first and the  
second parts of the nucleation layer consist essentially of same components in  
approximately same proportions.

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34. (Original) The deposition method of claim 23 wherein the first and the  
second parts of the nucleation layer comprise silicon nitride and the first part further  
comprises oxygen.

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35. (Original) The deposition method of claim 23 wherein a thickness of the  
nucleation layer comprises less than about 20 Angstroms.

<sup>28</sup>  
~~36~~. (Original) The deposition method of claim ~~31~~<sup>23</sup> wherein a thickness of the first part of the nucleation layer is greater than about 50% of a thickness of the second part.

<sup>29</sup>  
~~37~~. (Original) The deposition method of claim ~~31~~<sup>23</sup> wherein the insulative oxide exhibits a property of chemisorbing the initiation precursor at a slower rate compared to the semiconductive material.

<sup>30</sup>  
~~38~~. (Original) The deposition method of claim ~~31~~<sup>23</sup> further comprising contacting the initiation layer with at least one deposition precursor and forming a deposition layer at least one monolayer thick on the initiation layer.

<sup>31</sup>  
~~39~~. (Original) The deposition method of claim ~~38~~<sup>30</sup> wherein the deposition layer consists essentially of a monolayer.

<sup>32</sup>  
~~40~~. (Original) The deposition method of claim ~~38~~<sup>30</sup> wherein the deposition precursor consists essentially of a single precursor specie.

<sup>33</sup>  
~~41~~. (Original) The deposition method of claim ~~38~~<sup>30</sup> wherein the initiation and deposition layers, in combination, comprise silicon and nitrogen, or tantalum and oxygen, or aluminum and oxygen.

[ Claims 42-46 (Cancelled).

<sup>37</sup>~~47~~. (Currently amended) A low selectivity deposition method comprising:

atomic layer depositing a nucleation substance chemisorbed on a first surface and a second surface of a substrate substantially non-selectively, wherein the first surface exhibits a property of chemisorbing an atomic layer deposition precursor at a slower rate compared to the second surface and the nucleation substance exhibits a property of chemisorbing the precursor at an approximately equal rate over the first surface compared to over the second surface.

<sup>35</sup>~~48~~. (Original) The deposition method of claim <sup>34</sup>~~47~~ wherein the nucleation substance comprises an approximately homogeneous composition over the first and the second surface.

<sup>34</sup>~~49~~. (Original) The deposition method of claim <sup>34</sup>~~47~~ wherein the nucleation layer comprises silicon nitride and a nucleation layer part that is over the first surface further comprises oxygen.

<sup>31</sup>~~50~~. (Original) The deposition method of claim <sup>31</sup>~~47~~ wherein a thickness of the nucleation layer comprises less than about 20 Angstroms.

<sup>34</sup>~~51~~. (Original) The deposition method of claim <sup>34</sup>~~47~~ wherein a thickness of a nucleation layer part that is over the first surface is greater than 50% of a thickness a nucleation layer part that is over the second surface.

3a ~~39~~ 52. (Currently amended) A low selectivity deposition method comprising:  
placing a substrate in a deposition chamber;

forming a first part of a nucleation layer on a first surface of the substrate in the chamber;

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forming a second part of a nucleation layer on a second surface of the substrate in the chamber; and

without removing the substrate from the chamber, forming a layer at least about one monolayer thick of a first chemisorbed precursor on the first and second parts of the nucleation layer substantially non-selectively on the first part of the nucleation layer compared to the second part.

40 ~~53~~. (Original) The deposition method of claim ~~52~~ <sup>39</sup> wherein the forming the first and the second part of the nucleation layer occurs simultaneously and the nucleation layer forms substantially non-selectively on the first surface of the substrate compared to the second surface.

a<sup>10</sup> 41 ~~54~~. (Original) The deposition method of claim ~~52~~ <sup>39</sup> wherein the first surface of the substrate exhibits a property of chemisorbing the first precursor at a slower rate compared to the second surface.

42 ~~55~~. (Original) The deposition method of claim ~~52~~ <sup>39</sup> wherein the first surface comprises borophosphosilicate glass and the second surface comprises polysilicon.



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(Original) A low selectivity deposition method comprising:  
placing a substrate in a first chamber;  
forming a first part of a nucleation layer on a first surface of the substrate in the first chamber;  
forming a second part of a nucleation layer on a second surface of the substrate in the first chamber;  
removing the substrate from the first chamber and placing it in a second chamber different from the first; and  
forming a layer of a first chemisorbed specie at least one monolayer thick on the first and second parts of the nucleation layer in the second chamber substantially non-selectively on the first part of the nucleation layer compared to the second part.

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57. (Original) The deposition method of claim <sup>43</sup>~~56~~ wherein the forming the first and the second part of the nucleation layer occurs simultaneously and the nucleation layer forms substantially non-selectively on the first surface of the substrate compared to the second surface.

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(Original) The deposition method of claim <sup>43</sup>~~56~~ wherein the first surface of the substrate exhibits a property of chemisorbing the first specie at a slower rate compared to the second surface.

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59. (Original) The deposition method of claim <sup>43</sup>~~56~~ wherein the first surface comprises borophosphosilicate glass and the second surface comprises polysilicon.